



FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN VIETNAM

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FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN VIETNAM ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009 FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION FOR GRADUATE-LEVEL STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

The Embassy of the United States of America in Vietnam announces the 2008 Fulbright Fellowship Competition. The Fulbright Program in Vietnam is funded by an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. The program was established in 1946 with the goal of achieving mutual understanding through academic and cultural exchange.

The Fulbright Program in Vietnam is a competitive, merit-based fellowship program. Since beginning here in 1992, there have been over 400 Fulbright fellows who have studied at universities across the United States. Each year hundreds of individuals apply for twenty fellowships. The strongest applicants are those who draw a clear relationship between their current and future work in Vietnam and the study program they hope to pursue in the U.S., as well as to the promotion of bilateral mutual understanding.

WHAT does the scholarship provide? The 2008 Fellowship Grantees will pursue a one or two-year Master's degree program that begins in the academic year 2008-2009. The Fulbright Program will arrange placement at universities in the United States. Successful applicants will have all tuition and fees paid for and will receive a monthly stipend, round-trip airfare to the United States and health insurance.

WHO can apply? All Vietnamese citizens are welcome to apply. Successful applicants are usually at the early or mid-point of their career. Candidates may be employed by or affiliated with: private, international, or state-owned companies, universities, the Vietnamese government, or international or Vietnamese non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Selection will be based on academic and professional merit, without regard to race, religion, or gender.

Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Candidate must be a citizen of Vietnam and not a permanent resident in, or citizen of, any country other than Viet Nam.
2. Candidate must have a four-year undergraduate degree from a university recognized by the Vietnamese Government or an accredited foreign university.
3. Candidate must have three years of work experience after the date of their undergraduate diploma by January 1, 2008.
4. Candidate must have a valid TOEFL score of 550 or above (obtained prior to applying).
5. Candidate cannot be a current employee or immediate employee-dependent of the U.S. Mission in Vietnam
6. Candidate cannot have earned a Bachelor's degree within the last five years from a U.S. college or university.

WHICH fields of study are supported?

Fields of study include:

American Studies	American Literature	Business (all areas)
Communications	Community/Urban Planning	Economics
Economic Development	Environmental Studies	Fine and Performing Arts
Higher Education Admin.	International Relations	Journalism
Law	Library Science	Management of IT and Information Systems
Public Administration	Public Health	Public Policy
Social Work	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Women's Studies/ Gender and Development

Please contact the Fulbright office if your desired field of study is not on the list.

HOW do I apply?

To participate in the competition, applicants must first submit:

1. Preliminary Data Form (PDF)
2. A photocopy of all undergraduate and graduate degrees
3. A photocopy of a valid TOEFL score report

Preliminary Data Form deadline: **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007.**

Photocopies do not need to be notarized. Forms received after the deadline or with missing information or signature will not be considered. Applications should be sent by postal mail to or hand-delivered to:

Vietnamese Student Program
Fulbright Program in Vietnam
U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha, Hanoi.

APPLICATION PROCESS

PDFs will be screened to ensure that all applicants meet the minimum criteria. After PDF screening, qualified candidates will be invited to fill out the **formal application**. The deadline for formal applications will be April 27, 2007. Semifinalists will be interviewed in September 2007. Finalists will take the appropriate graduate admission test (GRE or GMAT) and the TOEFL in October 2007. Academic programs will begin in August/September 2008.

WHERE can I find more information?

Detailed information can be obtained on the Fulbright Program website at
<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/fvst.html>.

Preliminary Data Forms will be available on the website at the end of October 2006.

Information sessions will be provided throughout Vietnam during Fall 2006 and Winter 2007. Please check the website for the schedule.

All questions regarding the Vietnamese Student Program may be directed to Ms. Jessy Needham, phone: 04-831-4580 x155; email: needhamjc@state.gov.

IMPORTANT TOEFL INFORMATION

This year, all candidates must obtain a valid TOEFL score prior to submission of their PDF.

International TOEFL scores (IBT, computer, or paper-based) will be accepted from tests taken between February 1, 2005 and March 1, 2007, and ITP TOEFL scores will be accepted from tests taken between September 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007.

The Institute for International Education (IIE) administers monthly ITP TOEFL exams in cities throughout Vietnam.

Please note: candidates must register themselves for these exams. Visit the IIE website for more details:
www.iievn.org